GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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Handloom Industry
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has the potential of becoming the largest handloom industry of the world;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether handloom industry generates maximum employment opportunities after agriculture sector as this industry is labour intensive and if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether the Government has identified the reasons for decline in the said industry during the last two years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. As per 3rd All India Handloom Census (2009-10), there are 43.31 lakh handloom weavers and allied workers across the country.

(d) & (e): Year-wise production of handloom fabric is as under:-

Year Handloom Cloth Production (million sq. meters)

2014-15 7203

2015-16 7638

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